**Extraction of crude oil by Cairn India Ltd.**

†2106. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cairn India Company has started the extraction of crude oil from the oil reserves of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the maximum capacity of extraction assessed by Government from these reserves;

(c) the percentage of capacity being utilized presently by the company; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that presently the extraction of crude oil from these reserves costs five dollars per barrel to the company?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) yes, Sir. Crude Oil Production has started w.e.f. 29.08.2009 from the Mangla Field in the block RJ-ON-90/1 in Rajasthan, awarded to Cairn Energy India Pty Limited.

(b) Plateau rate of oil production from this block will be about 1,75,000 Barrels of Oil Per Day (BOPD) as per the approved Development Plan.

(c) The average production for the month of November 2009 from this field was 17,000 BOPD which is 9.7% of the estimated peak production of 1,75,000 BOPD.

(d) The estimated cost of production (Operating Cost) from this field, as calculated by the Contractor is about US $ 5.5 per barrel.

**Production of gas in KG Basin**

2107. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU:
SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:
SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the Director General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) the earlier estimates of gas produced from each of the 50 wells of KG D-6 Basin was 1.6 mmscmd;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as per the recent estimates of the DGH each well can produce 6-7 mmscmd;

(c) if so, the basis and details of earlier and the present estimates; and

(d) the amount of royalty accruing to Government as per the previous estimate and the revised estimate, separately?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) to (c) The Consortium of the block KG-DWN-98/3 (D6 Block), M/s Reliance Industries Limited and NIKO Resources Limited, have so far drilled 18 development wells in D1 and D3 Gas fields. It is

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